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**Our ref:** FOI/25/015748/D

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015748/D**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Thank you for your response on 16/10/25 declining the request on the basis that complying would exceed the appropriate cost/time limit. In order to assist and reduce the burden, I am willing to narrow the scope of the request.*

*Please could you advise whether a revised request covering the period [-5 years: e.g. 1 September 2020-31 August 2025] would fall within your estimated cost/time limit, or alternatively suggest the longest period you could provide within that limit.*

**\*\* ORIGINAL REQUEST \*\***

*I would like to request numerical data in three parts please.*

- 1. The number of reports of rape, assault by penetration or sexual assault received between September 2015 and September 2025 in which the victim is identified as having a learning disability or autism. Could these numbers be broken down by offence please?*
- 2. Of those total cases identified in part one, in how many was a suspect charged?*
- 3. Of those total cases identified in part one, how many were closed for no further action? I would like to request qualitative data in response to the following question.*
- 4. Of the cases identified in part 3 above, what was the reason given for a no further action outcome? (e.g. evidential difficulties, victim withdrew etc)*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

**Caveats:**

In July 2019 GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK Policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

1. The data provided for this request is based on a search of all rape and sexual offences recorded between 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2025 inclusive.
2. The data has been filtered to show only victims identified as having a 'learning disability' or 'autism' by searching on these keywords & then removing any that refer to the Offender.
3. 'Missing Value' or 'Unknown' entries mean this field hasn't been populated on our operating system.
4. The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.
5. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
6. The data is based on the date the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
7. The figures have been grouped into the following 3 categories - Rape, Assault by Penetration & Sexual Assault.

| Crime Type             | Total |
|------------------------|-------|
| Rape                   | 61    |
| Assault by Penetration | 12    |
| Sexual Assault         | 154   |

Due to the low numbers returned, the outcomes for Rape, Assault by Penetration and Sexual Assault have been merged together as by providing all this information split as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

| Outcome                                                                                       | Count |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Charge (1A)                                                                                   | 3     |
| Charged Alternative Offence (1C)                                                              | 1     |
| Decision Pending (98)                                                                         | 17    |
| Diversiónary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22) | 5     |
| Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)                             | 30    |
| Further Invest Not in Public Interest (PoI) (21)                                              | 2     |
| Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)                                           | 47    |
| Locate Trace (15E)                                                                            | 1     |
| Missing Value                                                                                 | 19    |
| Named Suspect Too Ill (12)                                                                    | 1     |
| Named Suspect U10 Yrs (11)                                                                    | 3     |
| Offender Has Died (5)                                                                         | 1     |
| Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)                                                    | 1     |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)                                            | 6     |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)                                         | 46    |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)                                                   | 3     |
| Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)                                               | 41    |